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St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church
Mt. Vernon vicinity
private

1906

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church is a simple Gothic Revival frame structure that stands near Mount Vernon in the small community of Bobtown. The stylistic references for the building are limited to pointed arch window openings and a two-story bell tower topped by a pyramidal roofed spire. As with other turn of the century churches the exterior walls are covered with a combination of horizontal weatherboards and decorative fishscale shingles. Fixed in the southeast corner of the building is a datestone inscribed with 1892, the year the congregation was formed, and 1906, when the current building was erected.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Paul's M. E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Mission Road, west of Bobtown Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Mt. Vernon ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of St. Paul's M. E. Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Vernon state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Paul's M. E. Church Description

St. Paul's M. E. Church stands on the north side of a narrow paved road that intersects Bobtown Road in the community of Mt. Vernon, Somerset County, Maryland. The church faces south with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Supported by a brick pier foundation, the 1906 frame church is sheathed with weatherboards and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter feet. Rising on the southeast side of the church is a two-story tower topped by a simple broach spire.

The south side of the church is marked by a pair of pointed arch two-over-two lancet windows that light the sanctuary, and a third window with a diamond shape pierces the upper gable. The diamond window is set within a field of fish-scale shingles. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended.

Rising on the southeast corner is a two-story tower with a double-door entrance in the east face. The door is topped by a two-light transom, and louvered openings set against fishscale shingles define the second level. A simple broach spire tops the tower. The east side of the church is lighted by three pointed arch windows, and a brick stove stack rises through the roof.

The north side of the church is largely covered by a single-story frame addition. The upper gable is defined by a diamond pane window.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1906 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

St. Paul's M. E. Church is a simple Gothic Revival frame church standing within the black community of Bobtown. The stylistic references are limited to Gothic arched window openings and a two-story tower topped by a broach spire. The main church is covered by plain weatherboards, while the upper gables are sheathed with fishscale shingles.

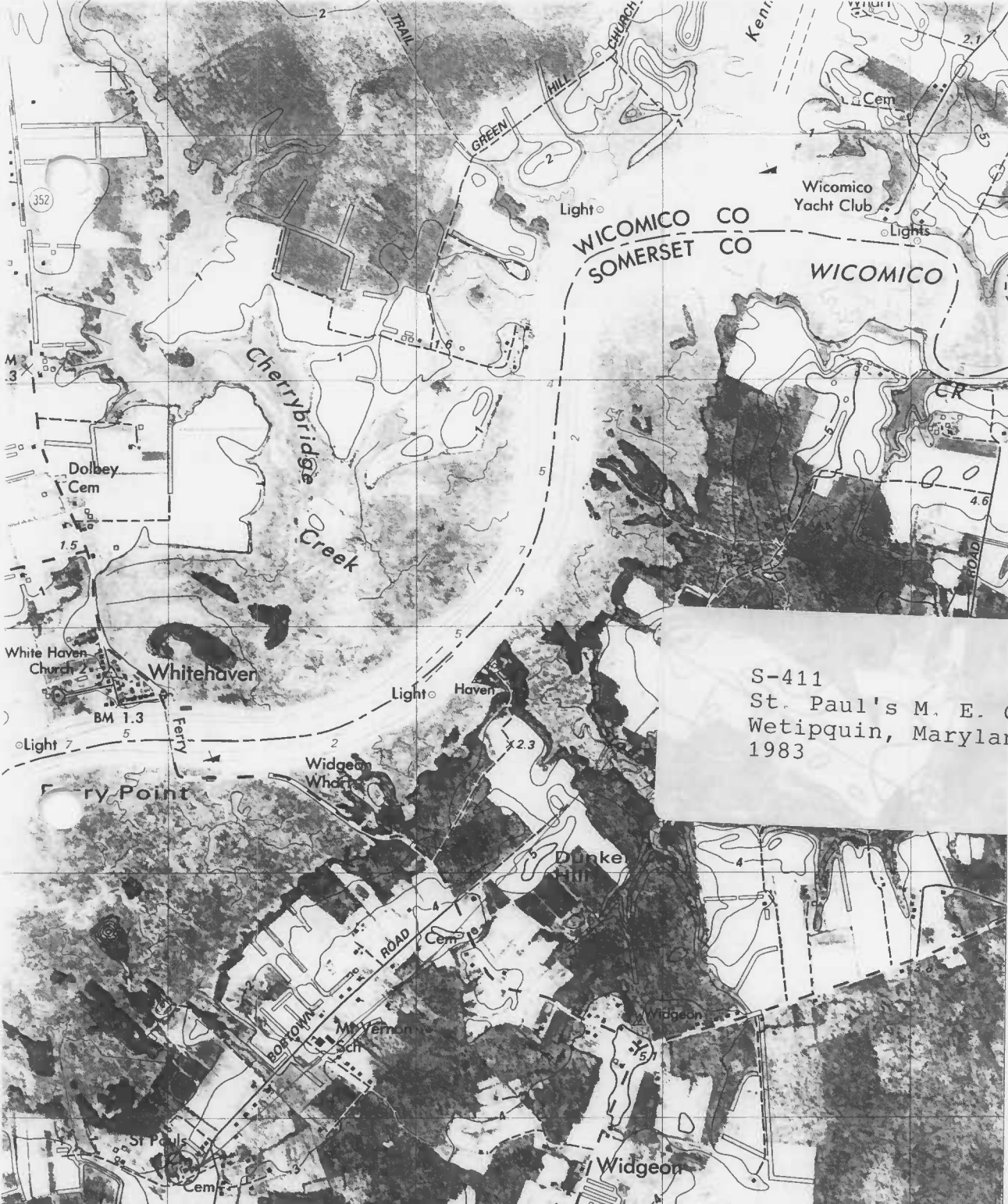
Founded in 1892, the St. Paul's congregation financed the construction of this church in 1906.

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- 2 .6096
- 3 .9144
- 4 1.2192
- 5 1.5240
- 6 1.8288
- 7 2.1336
- 8 2.4384
- 9 2.7432
- 10 3.0480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

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St. Paul's M. E. Church
Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
1983



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface ——— Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ———
Secondary highway, hard surface - - - Unimproved road - - -
Trails - - - - -
Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION
CONTOURS AND ELEVATIONS
IN METERS

WETIPQUIN, MD.

N3815 - W7545/7.5

1983

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